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From: James Kapsar <jkaspar@clindyn.com>  
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Date: 7/31/98 2:31pm  
Subject: James Kapsar says Legalize Micro Radio

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Sincerely,  
James Kapsar  
Santa Cruz, CA

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**From:** Charles & Trish Goodman <extradio@fix.net>  
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Oceano, Ca. 93345

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William Gates  
L.A. California

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Ron Vehlow  
Cazadero, CA

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Champaign, IL

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Sincerely,  
John R Benjamin  
vowinkle,pa

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**From:** Prashanth Mundkur <mundkur@ece.uci.edu>  
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Sincerely,  
Prashanth Mundkur  
Irvine, CA

Stephen P. Flack  
Attorney-at-Law

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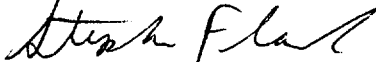
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FCC, Romm 222  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Our family and many of our friends strongly support low power community radio stations such as KAW in Lawrence, Kansas and we support any rule changes necessary to allow them to operate.

Sincerely,



Stephen Flack



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FCC, Room 222  
1919 M. St. NW  
Washington D.C. 20554  
Re: Petition RM-9242

Dear FCC;

I am glad to hear you are taking public comment on the licensing of low power radio stations. Our community radio station has been on the air for one year now. KAW 88.9 has the full support of our Lawrence, Kansas community. We have plenty of sponsors from the Lawrence community as well as the support of the Lawrence City Council. All we need now is your support. Please decriminalize low power community access radio. It's a good thing. Just ask Lawrence, Kansas. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Pleasant

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Joe Maushard  
1432 Brook St.  
Lawrence, KS 66044

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I am pleased to hear of your decision to consider a rule change proposal whereby low power radio stations would be able to remain on the air. Luckily for ~~us~~ citizens of Lawrence, KS we have a low power community run radio station. I listen daily and feel greatly benefitted from having such a station. Thank You.

Joseph M. Maushard  
Joseph M. Maushard

WAYNE L. YARLEY  
P.O. Box 321  
Golden City, MO.  
64748

RE: RM 9208

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4. The establishment of a low power FM radio service in the 88 MHz - 91 MHz and 91-108 MHz would allow local communities to serve their needs to express themselves
5. With all the large commercial stations being controlled by special interest groups; the result has been a monopoly of the airwaves and less freedom of expression by the public. Further I believe that
6. Relief may be granted by establishing a low-power service such as proposed in RM 9208 or as I have previously submitted informal petitions about this issue before with the F.C.C.

Respectfully Submitted

Wayne L. Yarley

Please  
acknowledge receipt of my  
comments on this matter.  
Wayne

from  
WAYNE L. YARDLEY  
P.O. Box 321  
Golden City, MO 64708

Before The Federal Communications Commission

RE: RM 9208

Low Power Service

64708  
COMMENT ON RM-9208

I Come Now before the Honorable  
Federal Communication Commission

And respectfully STATE

That

1. I believe that it would be in the best public interest to consider a rule change as per RM 9208 and/or amended
2. I believe the Reestablishment of a Class D Low-power 10-100 watt FM service would better serve the public interest instead of the proposed RM 9208
3. In principle RM 9208 is not unreasonable except that the public would better be served at 10-100 watts because there exist commercially made transmitters that are type acceptance / type certified and require minimal technical qualifications to properly operate. I would request amendments be made to RM 9208 to reflect the suggestion as here stated.

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To whom it concerns.


My partner and I bought our first radio station in Denison Iowa in August of 1993. KDSN AM & FM is an established, well respected radio station. The AM was granted a license in the spring of 1956 as a 500-watt daytimer, and the FM was granted a license in the summer of 1968 as a 3000 watt unlimited broadcast station.

When we purchased the station we hoped to increase power, but the most we could grow is to 6,000 watts. We have searched the FM band every year since we bought the station to find a way to send our signal to more listeners, yet there is nothing available.

This is where I have a problem with the FCC allowing other radio signals, even if they are on side bands, and reduced power. KDSN Radio stations provide quality broadcast services to our listeners including comprehensive news, we have our own NAB Farm Director, we have color weather radar and make a concerted effort to be on the air whenever there is a storm looming in the listening area. We have an oath to operate in the public interest and do our best to fulfill that oath every single day! I know that most if not all other radio stations work by that same credo.

So the question is this....why do we need these "pirate broadcasters?" How can they better serve the public than we and other stations already do. Please do not clutter the airwaves any more. If a radio station that is already established, and working hard to do the right thing for listeners cannot get more power to expand our coverage area to continue doing a good job of informing a larger audience, why should someone with no experience be allowed to try?

Finally I urge you to reconsider this low power station decision you are making. I believe it is a mistake, and will do nothing but "muddy up" the broadcast airwaves even more than they already are.



Co-owner KDSN RADIO

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FROM: Rod Douglas

Company: **America's Justice Foundation**

Fax No.: (702) 873-5554

**MESSAGE (if any):**

I fully support the petition for rm9242 Rule parts 73 and 74 and also RM-9208 regarding the licensing of low power FM commercial broadcast operations.

I also support any measures that would allow some low powered AM commercial broadcast stations on the air depending on the location and available frequencies.

I also request that the commission do a study to give relief to AM commercial broadcasters that have to deal with extremely poor ground conductivity in desert areas. I believe that stations operating with less than 10KW ERP should be given some additional power in order to compensate for the tremendous poor ground conductivity in desert areas of the United States.

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To; U.S. Congresssman  
Frank J. Pallone, jr.  
Washington, DC

April 4, 1998

Dear Mr. Pallone,

I write to you concerning LP-FM (1 watt) radio stations. As a amateur radio Operator, (W2FVL) I would like to set up a low powered FM station in Union Beach, N.J. with a output power of 1 watt. Which would give me a radius of (1) mile from the antenna.

(the FCC, is indeed working on a techinal plan to create a LOW POWER radio service. For small businesses, churches, and community groups to gain entry level access to broadcasting, The rumors are, that a New One Watt radio service on AM and FM frequencies will eventually emerge.) Taken from a W5YI report.

Broadcasters regard the micro radio concept as a legalization of "Pirate Radio Stations", Which they oppose. But, Chairman Bill Kennard, concedes that microbroadcasters have a point, when they complain that it is very hard for Community broadcasters to get on the air.

The Low Power micro broadcasting service petition Filed by J. Rodger Skinner Jr. W4FM of Pompano Beach, Fla, Has been assigned petition RM-9242.

We are seeking your support in this matter of Low Power AM-FM stations, Enclosed is a packet of information on the proposed petition. Which will bring you up to speed on the subject matter.

From my prospectitive, The local radio stations are Big Businesses operators, and have no desire to be Mom and Pop radio stations, disseminating local news and goings on, laced with some music. I would like to broadcast, the Happenings of my Borough, so all can be informed. which isn't being done by our local radio and newspapers. (I now apply myself to to doing this on a small scale, I broadcast continuous Emergency information on a low power (5) watts Am station here in Union Beach, NJ WPIJ-1610 am, which is owned by the UB Emergency Management services) This station only broadcasts emergency info.

Thanking you for your support and time,



J. J. Keating  
1147 Florence Ave.  
Union Beach, NJ 07735-2631

Sincerely yours,  
*John J. Keating*  
John J. Keating  
11 47 Florence Ave. Union Beach, N.J. 07735

CC re RM-9242

US Senator Frank Lautenberg  
US Senator Robert G. Toricelli

US Congressman Frank Pallone jr.  
US Congressman Pascrell  
US Congressman Rothman

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I am writing in support of FCC consideration to license micro-power radio stations. As for myself, I've been a professional broadcaster of 17 years and have always considered the possibilities of micro-broadcasting with the intentions of targetting the needs of small communities.

There are several reasons why this type of broadcast service is needed.

- 1) Lack of Opportunity...The introduction of the new Telecommunications Bill has virtually eliminated the possibilities of individuals owning radio stations across the nation (especially minorities).
- 2) Also Wall Street has forced the radio industry to streamline operations and increase profitability which will mean a bigger corporate broadcasting structure and less personalized service to the public.
- 3) Broadcast property consolidation and increased profitability will eventually mean a limited variety of radio programming.
- 4) Economically...Local merchants, within certain markets can't afford to advertise on big stations because they would be reaching persons who would never do business in their area (To say the least).
- 5) We can't afford to overlook the news and public affairs needs of small communities as well - unable to rely on bigger radio outlets to cover local events, news, election results or school closings in their area.

The NAB gavelled against micro-power broadcasting because they say that it will cause interference to existing stations. But it won't cause any more interference than existing stations presently cause to each other. In the New York City area, there are full power class C stations sharing the same FM frequency (as Philadelphia) as well as many signals on adjacent channels.

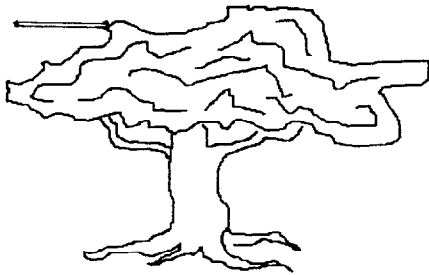
As the demands of this country grow, demographically and economically, we have to look at how changes affect people in big and small ways. Historically...Events repeat themselves over time. For example, the Boston Tea party arose from individuals who were against taxes on tea. So they organized and acted. Just like those persons against



regulatory broadcasting and forming pirate radio.

We must remember that as the radio industry gets bigger and becomes more unattainable, there will be those individuals who will see fit to go against the norm. So to solve the problem, let's keep it fair and legal in a constitutional manner instead of letting it get out of hand.

Jay Dixon  
Production Manager  
WRKS FM New York  
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New York, NY 10014  
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**319/337-7722 JTGardens@aol.com**

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February 24, 1998

FCC  
Office of the Secretary  
1919 M. Street Room 222 NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

To the Secretary,

We are writing to urge you to re-instate the Class D non-commercial broadcasting license. We feel this would be of great benefit to the people of the U.S. The increasing concentration of ownership of the airwaves by just a few corporations and individuals is a dangerous trend. It is a threat to the right of free speech and a threat to the democratic process. We hope you can see the benefits the Class D non-commercial license and take steps to restore it immediately.

Sincerely Green,

Greg Thompson  
Jean Thompson  
Editors, Green Acre News